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SUBJ: REAPPEARANCE OF KIM TAE JUNG

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1. SEQUENCE OF GOJ REACTIONS TO AUGUST 14 TO REAPPEARANCE
OF KIM DAE JUNG IN SEOUL AS FOLLOWS.

2. EMERGENCY CABINET MEETING HELD AT 1000 AFTER WHICH CHIEF
CABINET SECRETARY NIKAIDO GAVE PRESS FOLLOWING GIST OF PRO-
CEEDINGS. HOME MINISTER EZAKI, AS RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL, HAD
POINTED OUT THAT KIDNAPPING INCIDENT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN
JAPAN AND THEREFORE GOJ MUST CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE PRE-
CISELY WHAT HAPPENED. FOR THIS PURPOSE GOJ SHOULD BE IN
TOUCH WITH ROK, AND BOTH KIM DAE JUNG AND YANG SHOULD RETURN
TO JAPAN AT THEIR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

3. FONMIN OHIRA ALSO MET PRESS AFTER CABINET MEETING AND
STATED THAT GOJ SHOULD ASK COOPERATION OF ROK IN BOTH TOKYO
AND SEOUL.

4. DURING COURSE OF MORNING, ROK DEPUTY FORMIN CALLED IN
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AMB USHIROKU TO STATE THAT ROK PLANS TO CONDUCT INVESTIGA-

TION AND WILL INFORM GOJ OF ITS OUTCOME.

5. AT 1445 VICE MIN HOGEN CALLED IN ROK AMB LEE AND MADE FOLLOWING POINTS. HE CITED STATEMENT MADE BY KIM DAE JUNG IN SEOUL TO EFFECT THAT HE HAD BEEN DEPRIVED OF HIS FREEDOM IN JAPAN AND TAKEN OUT OF COUNTRY BY FORCE. HOGEN POINTED OUT THAT THIS ACT, IF TRUE, CONSTITUTED GRAVE VIOLATION OF JAPANESE PENAL CODE. HE STATED THAT JAPANESE AUTHORITIES WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF EPISODE WITH KIM SEEN AS VICTIM RATHER THAN VIOLATOR (FOR HAVING DEPARTED JAPAN EXTRALEGALLY). HOGEN REMINDED LEE THAT ROK HAD EARLIER FORMALLY ASKED GOJ TO CONDUCT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AND DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSURE SAFETY OF KIM. THEREFORE HOGEN ASKED FOR COOPERATION OF ROK GOVT ON TWO POINTS: (A) REFERRING TO DEP FORMIN'S STATEMENT TO USHIROKU ABOUT ROK INVESTIGATION, HOGEN ASKED THAT ROK PROVIDE PERIODICALLY AND NOT JUST AT CONCLUSION INFORMATION USEFUL TO GOJ INVESTIGATION; AND (B) HOGEN STATED GOJ HOPED KIM AND YANG COULD RETURN TO JAPAN AT THEIR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE TO ASSIST WITH GOJ INVESTIGATION, AND REITERATED THAT GOJ WOULD APPRECIATE ROKG COOPERATION IN THIS RESPECT. FINALLY, HOGEN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT INCIDENT WOULD NOT CAUSE ADVERSE EFFECT ON ROK-GOJ RELATIONS. IN RESPONSE, AMB LEE SAID HE WOULD CONVEY GOJ REQUESTS TO HIS GOVT.

6. FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH AMB LEE, HOGEN MET WITH PRESS AND PROVIDED GIST OF MEETING. HE ADDED THAT AMB USHIROKU HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE SIMILAR DEMARCHE IN SEOUL.

7. FONOFF NORTHEAST ASIA DIV HEAD SEO POINTED OUT TO EMBOFF THAT RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS WITHIN GOJ HAVE NOT MADE ANY STATEMENTS IMPLICATING ROK OFFICIALS IN EPISODE, EVEN BASIC FACTS OF WHICH HAVE YET TO BE POSITIVELY DETERMINED. HE ALSO SAID THAT GOJ PLANS TO PROCEED WITH GOJ-ROK MINISTERIAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 7-8 THOUGH OF COURSE UNFORESEEN EVENTS COULD INTERFERE.

8. COMMENT: IT IS APPARENT THAT GOJ IS MOVING WITH GREAT CAUTION AND SCRUPULOUS ATTENTION TO WHAT IS FACT AND WHAT IS MERELY SUSPICION. IT HAS ALSO BEEN VERY CAREFUL TO ASK CONFIDENTIAL

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COOPERATION OF ROKG IN SEEKING RETURN OF KIM AND YANG TO JAPAN, FOR, AS SEO EXPLAINED TO EMBOFF, THERE ARE NO LEGAL GROUNDS AT PRESENT FOR JAPAN TO DEMAND THEIR RETURN. HOWEVER, FONOFF AND PRESUMABLY OTHER SECTORS OF GOJ ARE GRAVELY CONCERNED WITH POSSIBLE RAMIFICATIONS OF THIS EPISODE. ON DOMESTIC FRONT ALONE, GOJ IS APPREHENSIVE ABOUT POSSIBLE OPPOSITION CHARGES CONCERNING SYMPATHIES AND COMPETENCE OF JAPANESE POLICE, AS WELL AS ABILITY OF FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

SERVICES TO OPERATE ON JAPANESE SOIL. AS FOR INTERNATIONAL
IMPLICATIONS, SEO EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT IT IS DIFFI-
CULT TO SEE HOW EPISODE COULD REDOUND TO CREDIT OF ROK IN
WORLD OPINION, WITH CONCURRENT EFFECT ON ATTITUDES AT UNGA
ON KOREAN QUESTION ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO FATHOM AT THIS
POINT.
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